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ROLL CALL:
RAINMAKER...
...FREEFALL...
...GRUNGE...
...BURNOUT...
...AND MYSELF...
...FAIRCHILD.

WE ALL STARTED OUT AS INTERNS AT THIS SECRET GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION CALLED PROJECT GENESIS. BUT WE ENDED UP BEING A FUGITIVE BAND OF KIDS RUNNING FROM OUR I.O.* WARDEN, IVANA, BECAUSE WE DIDN'T WANT TO BECOME HER PRIVATE ARMY OF SUPER-SOLDIERS.
AND WITH THE HELP OF A RENEGADE I.O. AGENT BY THE NAME OF JOHN LYNCH, WE'VE MANAGED TO ESCAPE FROM THE COMPOUND AND END UP HERE IN A TRASH DUMP.
UUUUNGH! GEEZ, FAIRCHILD! YOU MUST WEIGH A TON!
*INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS.

YEAH, KAT'S A BIG GIRL, BOBBY.
AND IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES, TOO!
GET YOUR MIND OUT OF YOUR SHORTS AND FAIRCHILD OFF OF ME!
HEY, GLAD TO LEND A HELPING HAND.
TONK
YOU'D BETTER BE CAREFUL IF YOU WANT TO KEEP IT ATTACHED TO YOUR ARM.
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE?!
GRUNGE-MAN, THAT'D BETTER BE A ROLL OF LIFESAVERS IN YOUR POCKET!
WILL ALL OF YOU JUST SHUT UP AND GET OFF OF ME?
NOW!

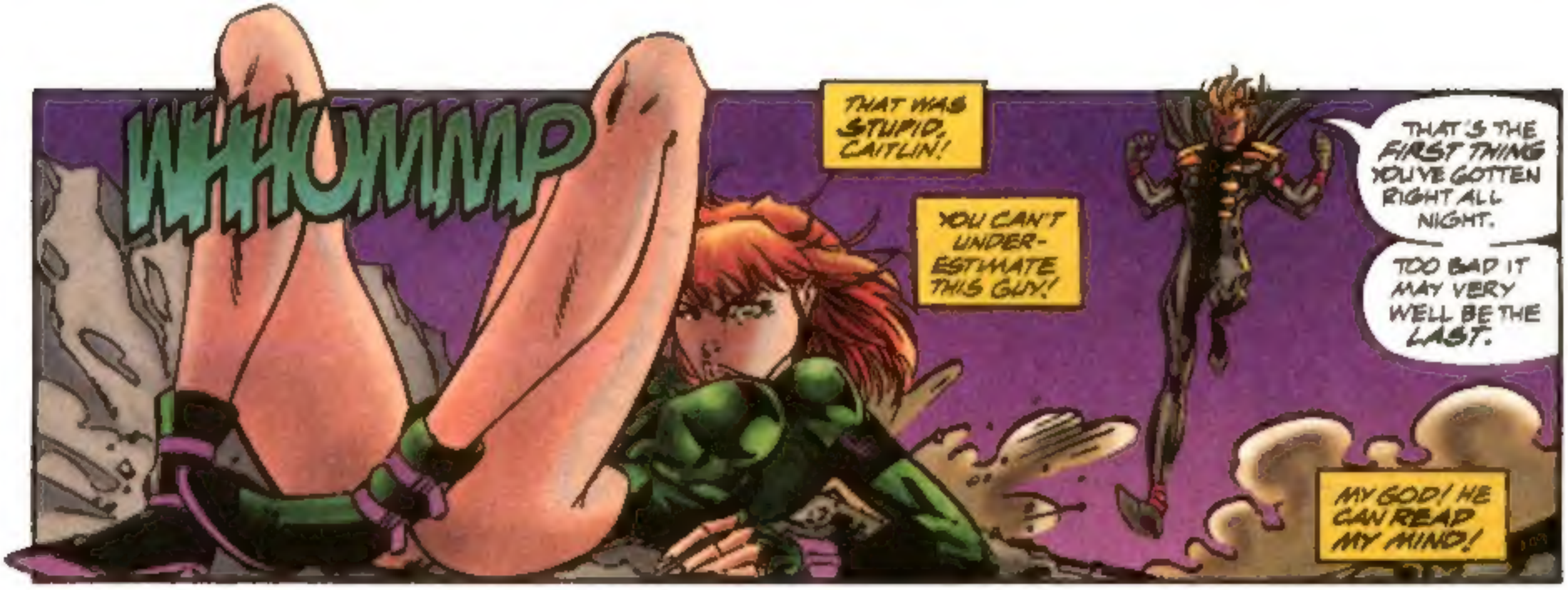
ROXY!
WHA--WHAT'D I DO?! WHY'D YOU SLAP ME?
IT'S WHAT YOU WERE THINKING, YOU SURFER PIG!
I THINK WE'VE GOT A BIGGER PROBLEM HERE THAN JUST GRUNGE'S WANDERING EYE.
BOBBY'S RIGHT.
IT'S TIME TO SETTLE THE SCORE WITH IVANA AND HER KEEPERS.
NO, SARAH.
I THINK THAT'D BE A MISTAKE.
MR. LYNCH HELPED US ESCAPE FOR A REASON.
WE'RE NOT READY FOR THAT KIND OF FIGHT JUST NOW.
THE SMART THING TO DO WOULD BE TO GET AS FAR FROM HERE AS POSSIBLE.
GOOD PLAN, CAITLIN! YOU'RE BECOMING QUITE THE STRATEGIST.
A PITY NONE OF YOU WILL LIVE TO SEE IT THROUGH.
OH-- OHMIGOSH! IT'S HIM!
WHO?!

THRESHOLD!
LISTEN TO ME, ALL OF YOU!
I'M HERE TO OFFER YOU A CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR WILDEST DREAMS A REALITY!
DON'T YOU REALIZE WHAT WE'VE ALL BECOME?! WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE FUTURE! WE REPRESENT THE NEXT EVOLUTION OF MANKIND. OURS IS THE POWER TO CONTROL NOT ONLY OUR OWN DESTINY, BUT THAT OF THE ENTIRE WORLD!
JOIN ME AND TOGETHER WE CAN RULE THE PLANET!
THRESHOLD IS IVANA'S CROWNING GLORY.
SHE MUST'VE GOTTEN HOLD OF HIM AND HIS SISTER, BLISS, WHEN THEY WERE JUST KIDS AND BRAIN-WASHED THEM INTO WORKING FOR PROJECT GENESIS.
WITH THOSE EXTRA YEARS OF TRAINING, HE'S BECOME THE MOST POWERFUL GEN 13 EVER PRODUCED.
AND NOW, IT'S UP TO US TO STOP HIM.
I THINK WE'RE IN TROUBLE, GRUNGE!
THIS GUY IS COMPLETELY INSANE.
NO DUH, KAT!
ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, WE'RE HEADED FOR A SHOWDOWN!

FINE BY ME!
THRESHOLD'S NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH POWERS AROUND HERE ANYMORE!
WHOOM
BOBBY! WAIT!
HE'S JUST TRYING TO--
I'M NOT BOBBY LANE ANYMORE, KAT! CALL ME BURNOUT!
AND IT'S TIME TO SEE HOW MR. HIGH AND MIGHTY THRESHOLD STANDS UP TO ONE OF MY PLASMA BLASTS!
BURNOUT, EH?
Vreee
WELL, I GUESS I'LL HELP YOU LIVE UP TO THAT NAME--
--AND SEND YOU TO AN EARLY GRAVE!
VREEEEEE
THRESHOLD'S POWER IS GREATER THAN I EVER IMAGINED!
HE BRUSHED ASIDE BOBBY'S ATTACK LIKE IT WAS NOTHING.
FWOOOOOSH
NO-- AAARRRGH!

HANG ON, DUDE! THE CAVALRY'S ON ITS WAY!
JUST NEED TO POWER UP...
FZZZMM
...AND I'M READY FOR ACTION!
ENJOY THE VIEW WHILE YOU CAN, THRESHTOAD, 'CAUSE I'M THE MAN WHO'S ABOUT TO ROCK YOUR WORLD BACK TO REALITY!
YOU MUST BE SUFFERING FROM DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR.
I'LL ADMIT, I UNDER-ESTIMATED YOUR POWERS EARLIER TONIGHT...
WHOA! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO MY ARM?!
I DON'T THINK THE SAME CAN BE SAID ABOUT YOUR FOOLHARDY ATTACK AGAINST ME.
KRACK
CRACKLE
THIS IS MOST UNCOOL!

YOU--YOU DISINTEGRATED MY ARM, YOU CRUNK-FACE!
THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING, CHANG!
WAIT UNTIL I GET TO YOUR MORE VITAL BODY PARTS.
FWUMP
THAT'S ASSUMING YOU EVER GET THE CHANCE, BUSTER!
FAIRCHILD!
OVER?!
MY DEAR CAITLIN, IT'S JUST STARTED!
YEEEOOOW! MY HAIR!
YOU SHOULD NEVER TURN YOUR BACK ON A LADY, THRESHOLD!
ESPECIALLY ONE WITH THE SPEED TO GET INSIDE YOUR DEFENSES AND THE STRENGTH TO BREAK YOU IN HALF LIKE A TOOTHPICK.
NOW, RELEASE GRUNGE! THIS FIGHT'S OVER!
FOR, YOU SEE, I'M HARDLY LIMITED TO MY PSIONIC POWERS.
I'M ALSO A MASTER IN THE MARTIAL ARTS. MORE THAN A MATCH FOR THE LIKES OF YOU IN HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT.


WHHOMMP
THAT WAS STUPID, CAITLIN!
YOU CAN'T UNDER-ESTIMATE THIS GUY!
THAT'S THE FIRST THING YOU'VE GOTTEN RIGHT ALL NIGHT.
TOO BAD IT MAY VERY WELL BE THE LAST.
MY GOD! HE CAN READ MY MIND!

AND THE SAME KIND OF POWER CAN BE YOURS, TOO, CAITLIN! I WAS HOPING YOU'D ALL SEE THE LIGHT!
WE POSSESS THE STRENGTH TO CHANGE THIS WORLD--TO MAKE IT OUR OWN, AS IS OUR BIRTHRIGHT.
AND YOU CAN EITHER STAND VICTORIOUS BESIDE ME OR DIE BENEATH MY FEET.

MEANWHILE, ATOP THE GENESIS COMPLEX...
AROOGA AROOGA AROOGA
QUICKLY! GET THOSE CRYO-TUBES ABOARD THE SHIP!
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT BEFORE THE PLACE BLOWS!

ARE YOU SURE THESE ARE THE LAST OF THE GEN-ACTIVE TEST SUBJECTS?
YES, MA'AM!
HAD A LITTLE TROUBLE FREEZING THE LAST FEW, BUT WE GOT 'EM ALL.

YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF LEAVING SO SOON, ARE YOU, IVANA?
NO! THAT VOICE!
IT CAN'T BE!

OF COURSE IT CAN, IVANA. ESPECIALLY IN OUR BUSINESS.
SO, YOU'RE STILL ALIVE. BUT I SHOULD'VE EXPECTED NO LESS FROM YOU, JACK.
YOU KNOW, IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE FOR YOU TO COME WITH ME. THERE'S ROOM FOR ONE MORE ABOARD MY HELICOPTER.
LET BYGONES BE BYGONES. A SIMPLE MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FRIENDS?

NOT THIS TIME, IVANA. I CAN'T LET YOU TAKE THOSE KIDS GENESIS HAS GOT TO BE SHUT DOWN.
YOU WOULDN'T SHOOT ME, JACK. I'M UNARMED. HELPLESS.
BESIDES, WE'VE KNOW EACH OTHER FAR TOO LONG.
AND THAT'S WHY I'M STILL WILLING TO HELP YOU SQUARE THINGS WITH CRAVEN.
BUT SHOOT ME AND HE'LL HAVE I.O. HUNT YOU DOWN TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH AS A TRAITOR.

THAT DEPENDS ON WHAT HE HAS TO SAY AFTER I'VE TOLD HIM MY SIDE OF THE STORY.
DON'T BE A FOOL! CRAVEN WON'T CARE. ALL HE WANTS ARE THOSE KIDS! AND THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN GET THEM IS BY KILLING ME.

HAVE T YOUR WAY THEN
BLAM
KTANG
NOT NICE JACK - YOU ACTUALLY TRIED TO KILL ME.
WELL I GUESS IT'S MY TURN TO RETURN THE FAVOR
IMPOSSIBLE! YOU BLOCKED THE SHOT
MY CYBER-NETIC EYE TOOK THE BULLET AND SAVED MY LIFE BUT HOW COULD YOU--
OF COURSE! BIONICS!
100% U.S. MADE! JUST MY WAY OF LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD
AND ONE OF THE FRINGE BENEFITS OF BEING HEAD OF THE SCI-TECH DIRECTORATE AT I.O.
SHREDDER CORDS MOLECULARIZED RAZOR WIRE
THAT'S RIGHT JACK THEY CAN CUT THROUGH STEEL LIKE IT WAS PAPER
LET'S SEE WHAT THEY DO TO YOU!
SHRACK
SHRACK

I AM IMPRESSED YOU'RE STILL PRETTY QUICK ON YOUR FEET

BUT NOWHERE NEAR AS FAST AS THE SPEED OF MY THOUGHTS.

SHREEEEE

FWIIP FWIIP FWIIP

SO, THE LEGENDARY JOHN LYNCH BROUGHT DOWN BY A WOMAN? WHAT WILL THE OTHER BOYS SAY?! I GUESS IT'S LUCKY FOR YOU THAT MOST OF THEM ARE ALREADY DEAD.

LOOK AT YOU--YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A MIDDLE-AGED BUREAUCRAT GONE SOFT FROM TOO MANY YEARS SPENT SITTING BEHIND A DESK

IT'S BETTER THAN BEING AN OVERLY AMBITIOUS BUT UNDER-TALENTED WITCH WHO TRADED WHAT LITTLE THERE WAS OF HER HUMANITY FOR A COLLECTION OF CYBERNETIC PARLOR TRICKS

HOW DARE YOU SPEAK TO ME LIKE THAT!

I'LL SHOW YOU WEAKNESS, JACK!

TELL ME, HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE AS HELPLESS AS A TRAPPED ANIMAL?

HAARRRGH!

THWAM

WELL YOU WON'T HAVE TO SUFFER FOR MUCH LONGER.

IT'S TIME I PUT YOU OUT OF YOUR MISERY

VIIP VIIP

MEANWHILE.

HHNNNN!

HA THEY'LL DO NOTHING EXCEPT COWER IN THE SHADOWS!

IT'S OVER GRUNGE!

I EXPECTED MORE FROM A GEN13 ESPECIALLY YOU FAIRCHILD. SURELY YOU CAN SEE THE FUTILITY IN THIS PATHETIC EXERCISE.

WHAT DO WE DO, SARAH?! HE'S BEATEN THEM ALL!

IT'S NOT OVER YET THRUSHEAD! THE OTHERS...

WE-- WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE! HE'S GOING TO KILL US ALL!

GOD I WISH I HAD A SMOKE!

CALM DOWN ROXY! I'M TRYING TO THINK

SHUT UP, ROXY, AND CALM DOWN! I WON'T GIVE UP WITHOUT A FIGHT, DO YOU HEAR ME?

I WAS BORN AN APACHE! THE BLOOD OF GERONIMO FLOWS THROUGH MY VEINS!

WE CAN BEAT HIM, ROXY, BUT FIRST WE'VE GOT TO BELIEVE IN OURSELVES AND OUR POWERS!

ONLY THEN CAN WE HELP THE OTHERS.

" AND STOP THRESHOLD!"
ENOUGH OF THE LIES, THRESHOLD!
YOU'RE JUST ONE OF IVANA'S PAWNS, AND WE WON'T BE A PART OF HER GAME.
I'D RATHER DIE BEFORE JOINING THE TWO OF YOU.
UH YEAH THE SAME GOES FOR ME
EXCEPT FOR THAT DYING PART
KILLING THE TWO OF YOU WOULD BE FAR TOO EASY, FAIRCHILD
I WANT TO SEE BOTH OF YOU KNEELING AND BEGGING FOR MERCY
YOUR FRIENDS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN FRIGHTENED RABBITS HIDING IN THEIR HOLE
AT LEAST THE THREE OF YOU WERE WILLING TO FIGHT. I ADMIRE YOUR COURAGE
THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU ONE LAST CHANCE TO JOIN ME
VREEEEE
WE'LL NEVER KNEE-- AAARRGH. MY HEAD.
AAAGGH. KAT, THE DORK'S IN MY BRAIN!
VRRRREEEEEEEEEEEE
CAN'T-- GET HIM-- OUT!
BEFORE I'M THROUGH WITH THE TWO OF YOU I'LL HAVE YOUR VERY SOULS!

AS FOR IVANA, MY ASSOCIATION WITH HER WAS ONE OF MERE CONVENIENCE. SHE PROVED QUITE USEFUL IN PUTTING ME IN CONTACT WITH THE OTHER GEN 13.

ONCE I'VE UNITED THEM ALL, I'LL FORGE THEM INTO AN UNSTOPPABLE CONQUERING ARMY.

AND IF THE TWO OF YOU WON'T JOIN ME OF YOUR OWN FREE WILL, I'LL SIMPLY CHANGE YOUR MINDS FOR YOU!

VREEEEE

KAT'CA - CAN T--STOP MYSELF! HE S-- TOO--STRONG!

KEEP-- FIGHTING-- HIM

NEARBY.

WELL, WELL WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

A FALLEN HERO!

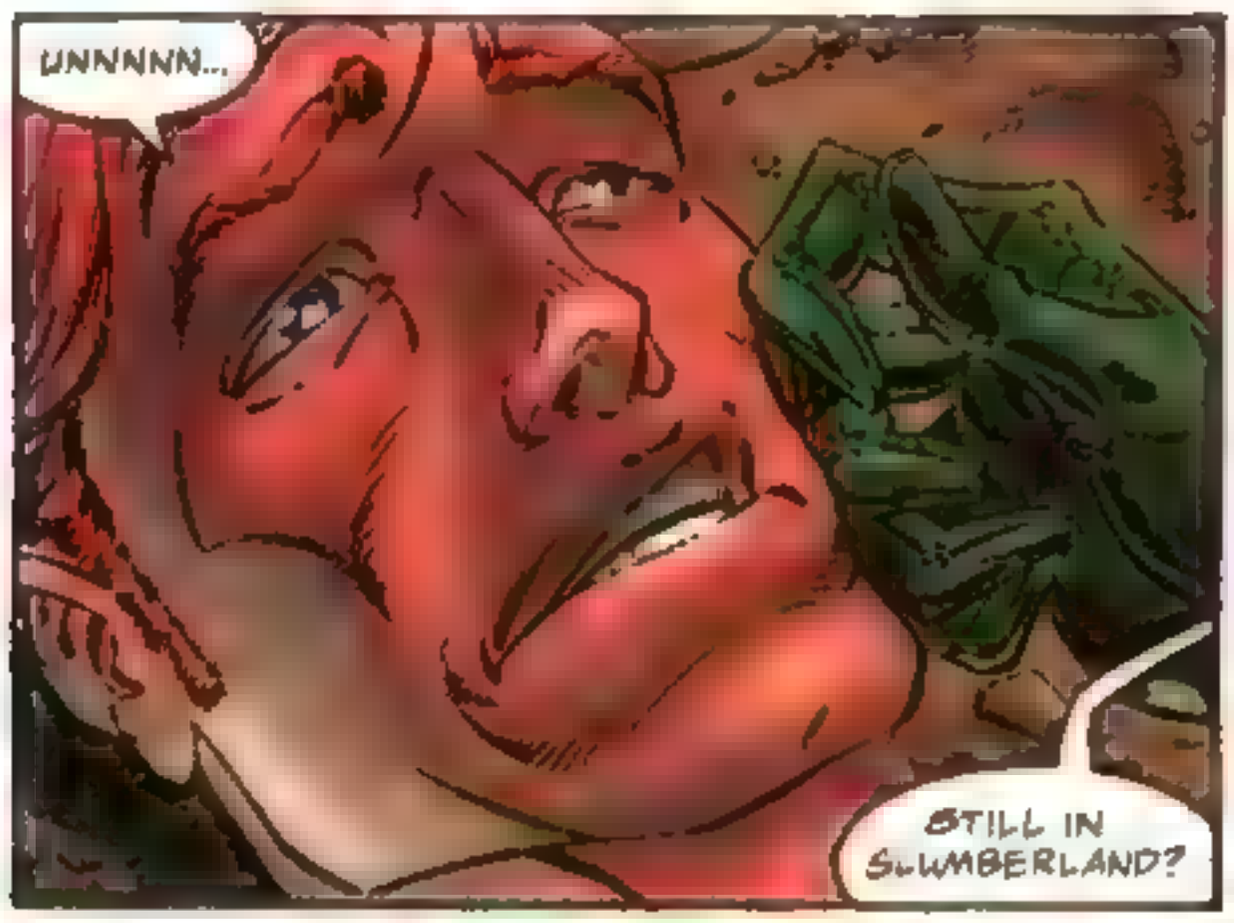
MY FAVORITE KIND.

NOW I'VE GOT SOMEONE OF MY OWN TO PLAY WITH.

NOTHING TO SAY FOR YOURSELF, HANDSOME?

YOU MUST BE ONE OF THOSE STRONG, SILENT TYPES WHO DOESN'T MIND A WOMAN BEING ON TOP OF THE SITUATION

I LIKE THAT IN MY MEN



AND TASTE THE POWER OF BLISS!

MMMPHHLL!

MMMMMMMM

ZZZZMMMM

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

WAIT! I KNOW YOU! YOU RE--

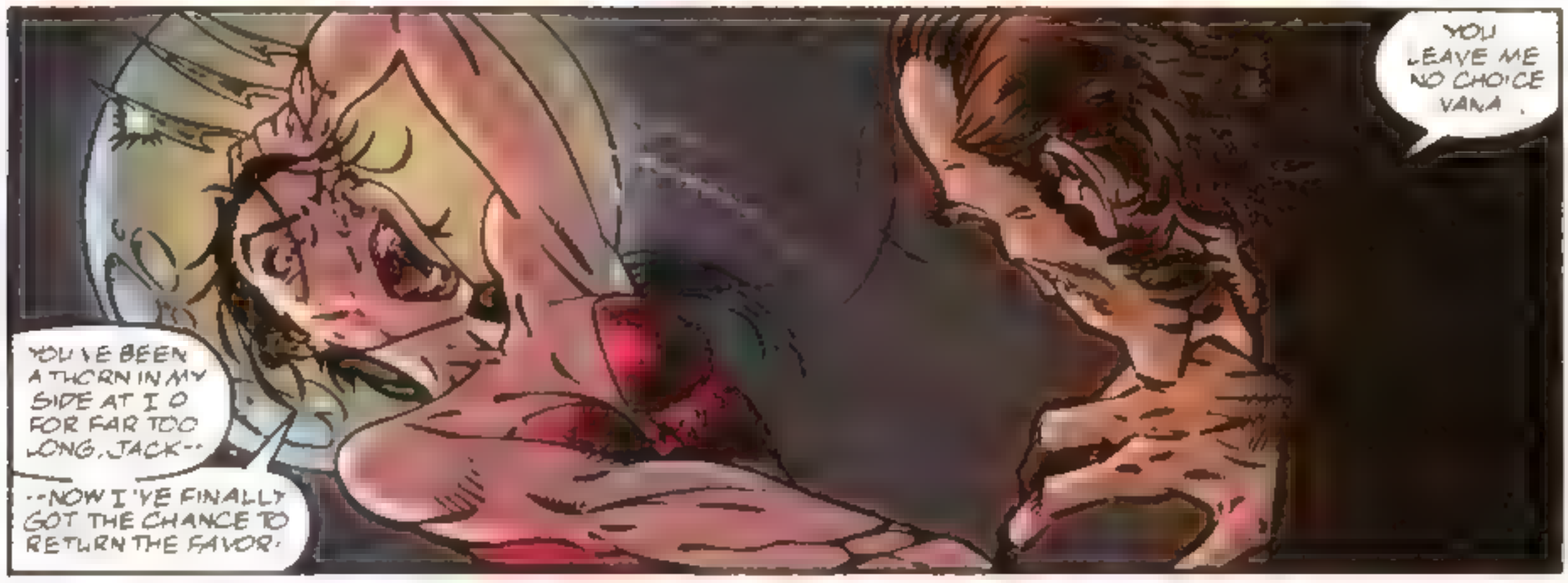
PRINCESS CHARMING! HERE TO FULFILL YOUR EVERY FANTASY! NOW, YOU JUST LIE BACK AND ENJOY YOURSELF, HANDSOME

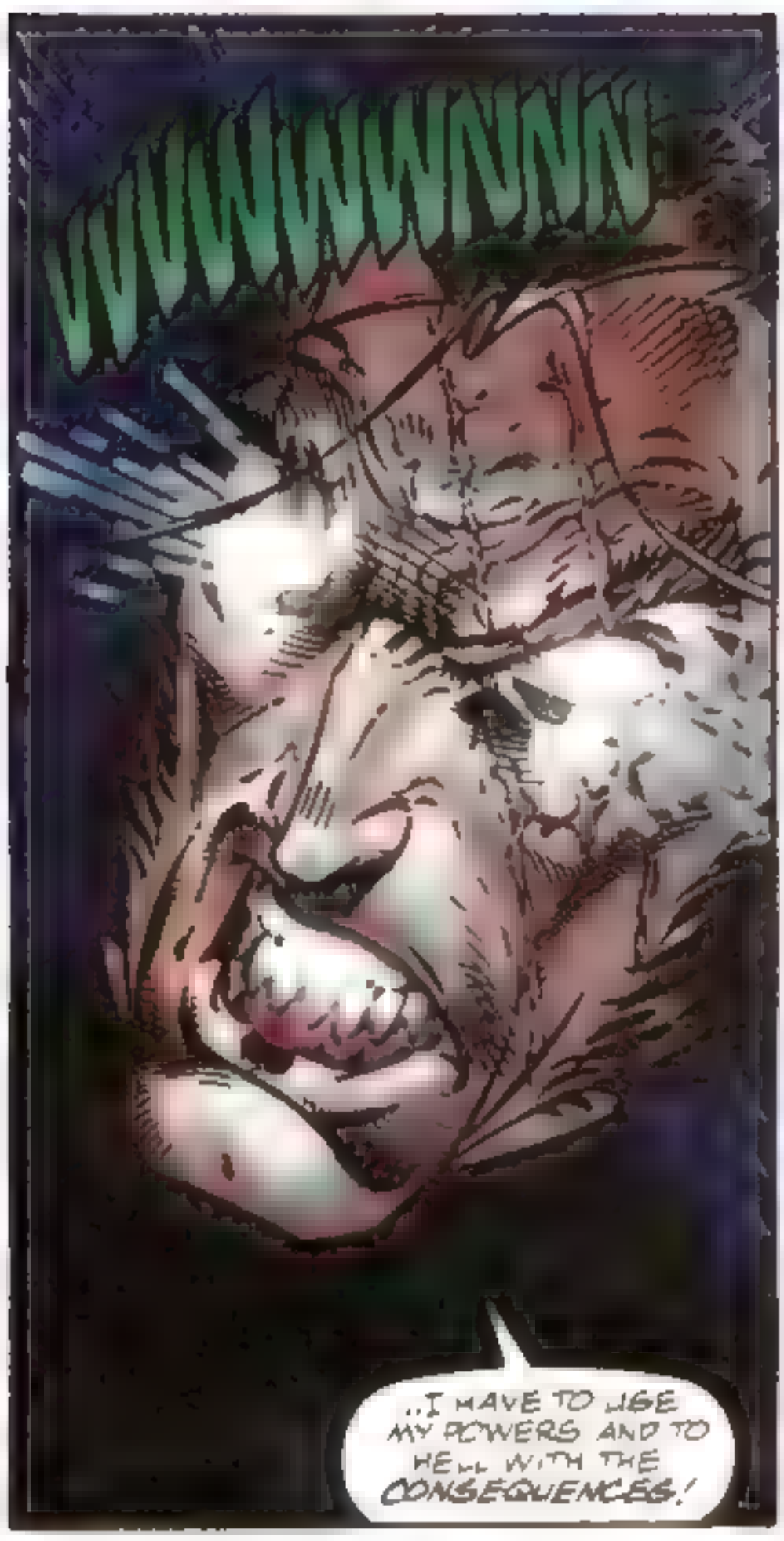
KRACKLE

SMART

TRY ENJOYING THIS, YOU WITCH!
ZZZRAKT
AIIIEEE!
BETTER STAY A LOVER, BLISS, 'CAUSE YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT AS A FIGHTER YOU ALL RIGHT, BOBBY?
UUUNGH!
UH, YEAH BUT WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER?
JUST A MILD ELECTRICAL CHARGE. SHE'LL LIVE
WAKE UP, BLISS! YOU'VE JUST BECOME OUR ACE IN THE HOLE
YOU PSYCHO BROTHER IS TRASHING TWO OF MY FRIENDS! TIME FOR YOU TO CONVINCE HIM TO BACK OFF!
THEY'RE AS GOOD AS DEAD- MATTHEW WON'T LISTEN TO A WORD I--
EEEENNT! WRONG ANSWER!
AAAAGH! MY ARM! YOU'RE HURTING ME!
I'M GOING TO DO A LOT WORSE IF YOU DON'T START--
SARAH! YOU'RE NOT REALLY GOING TO HURT HER, ARE YOU?
REALITY CHECK, ROXY. WE'RE NOT PLAYING SOME KIDDY GAME HERE!
THIS IS FOR KEEPS--

"..AND THE STAKES ARE LIFE AND DEATH!"
THWACK
CLOSE, VANA
A LITTLE TOO CLOSE!


YOU'VE BEEN A THORN IN MY SIDE AT I.O FOR FAR TOO LONG, JACK--
--NOW I'VE FINALLY GOT THE CHANCE TO RETURN THE FAVOR.
YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE VANA.


..I HAVE TO USE MY POWERS AND TO HELL WITH THE CONSEQUENCES!

NOOOO WHAT VE YOU DONE? I'VE LOST CONTROL OF THE CORDS
BE THANKFUL I DIDN'T LOSE CONTROL OF MY POWERS VANA--
--OR HAVE YOU ALREADY FORGOTTEN WHAT HAPPENED W TH TEAM 7?
THWIP
THWIP
THWIP

I REMEMBER ALL OF IT, JACK-- ESPECIALLY HOW USING YOUR POWERS WEAKENS YOU
BOYS, GET ME OUT OF HERE
LEAVING SO SOON IVANA ?
SELF DESTRUCT WILL COMMENCE IN SIXTY SECONDS.
I'D LOVE TO STAY AND CHAT JACK, BUT I HAVE TO GET CLEAR OF THE BUILDING BEFORE IT BLOWS.
FIFTY SECONDS
SEE YOU IN THE NEXT LIFE.
WELL AT LEAST I'M STILL ALIVE I SUPPOSE THINGS COULD BE WORSE
BUT NOT BY MUCH
STILL TOO WEAK TO STAND UP... I'D NEVER MAKE IT OUT OF HERE IN TIME.
...FORTY.
...IF I DON'T HAVE AN ACE UP MY SLEEVE.
IF MY YEARS IN THE FIELD HAVE TAUGHT ME ANYTHING.
...IT'S TO ALWAYS BE PREPARED.
TWENTY.
JUST HOPE THE HAMMERS ARE READY TOO..
BEEEP BEEEP
FIVE FOUR THREE
...TEN...
TAK TAK TAK

BHBOOM
JOHNSON, ARE MY SPECIMENS SAFELY ABOARD?
YES, MA'AM. THEY'VE ALL BEEN SECURED IN THE CARGO HOLD
VERY GOOD! WITH MY OWN GEN 13 OPERATIVES, NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO STOP ME--
VWP VWP
--NOT EVEN MILES CRAVEN!
WITH HIM OUT OF THE WAY, I O WILL FINALLY BE MINE..
VWP VWP VWP
"--AND I CAN PUT ALL MY FAILURES BEHIND ME."
YES! IT'S OVER! JOHN LYNCH IS FINALLY DEAD!
BUT AT LEAST HE WENT OUT WITH A BANG!
SHE'S LEAVING! ABANDONING PROJECT GENESIS!
IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO END LIKE THIS!

WHY, IVANA?! VICTORY WAS IN OUR GRASP!
YOU'RE ALL ALONE NOW THRESHOLD!
THEY'VE ABANDONED YOU HERE, LIKE RATS LEAVING A SINKING SHIP.
YEAH! IT'S OVER FOR YOU, THRESH-HEAD!
NOTHING'S OVER UNTIL I SAY IT'S!
AND RIGHT NOW I'D SAY YOUR LIVES ARE OVER!
UH, KAT.. WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
I, I DON'T KNOW
BUT I THOUGHT..
THEN CHERISH THAT PATHETIC MOMENT OF INSIGHT CHANG, BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE THE LAST ONE YOU'LL EVER HAVE--
HAAARRRGH!
ZZZRRRRAAAAPP

IT'S MR LYNCH! HE MADE IT OUT ALIVE!

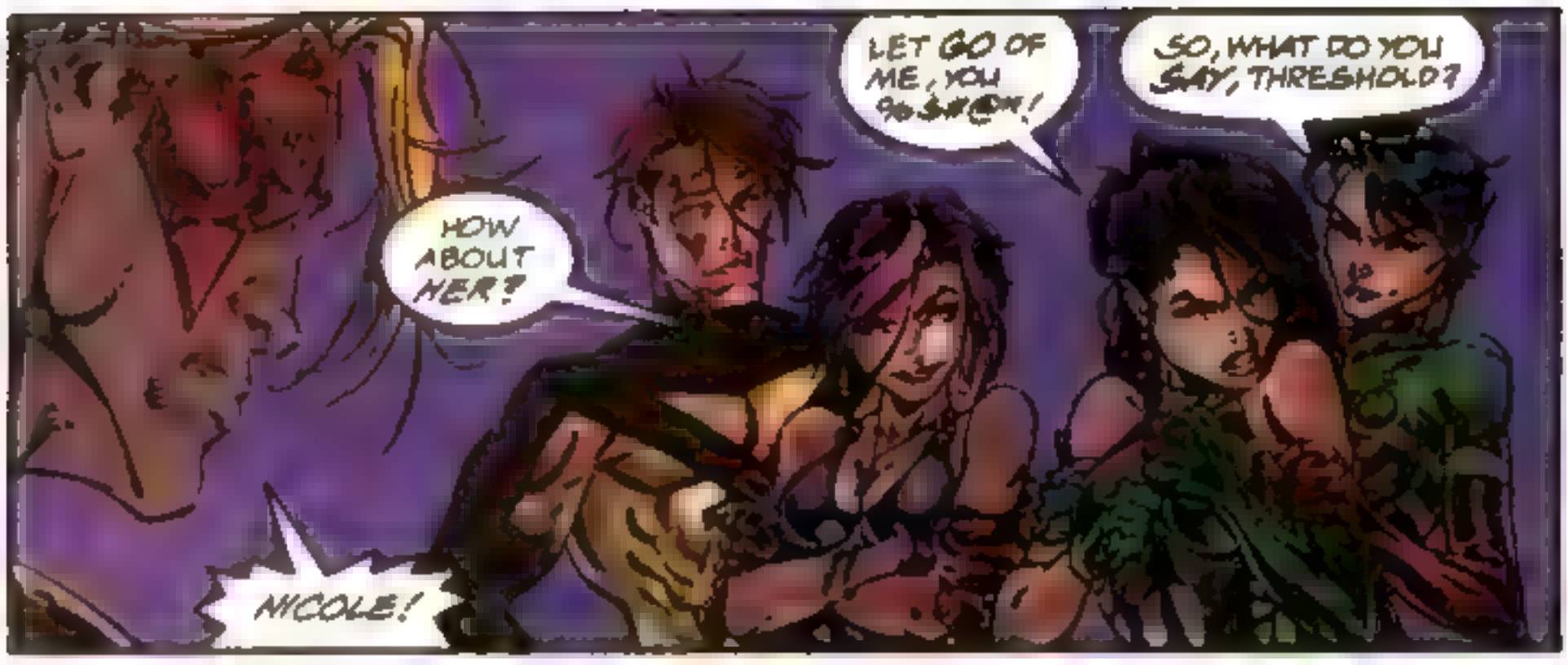
THAT WAS JUST A WARNING SHOT TO GET YOUR ATTENTION, MATTHEW

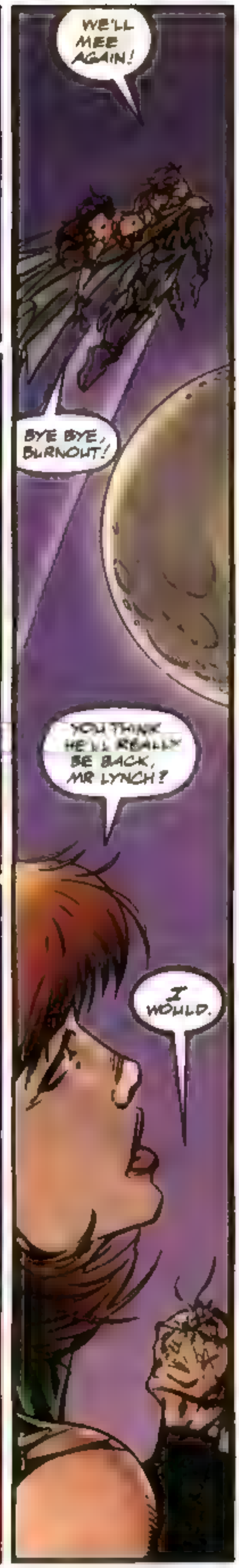
THE NEXT ONE WILL PLANT YOU SIX FEET UNDER

VRRRRRRMMMMMM

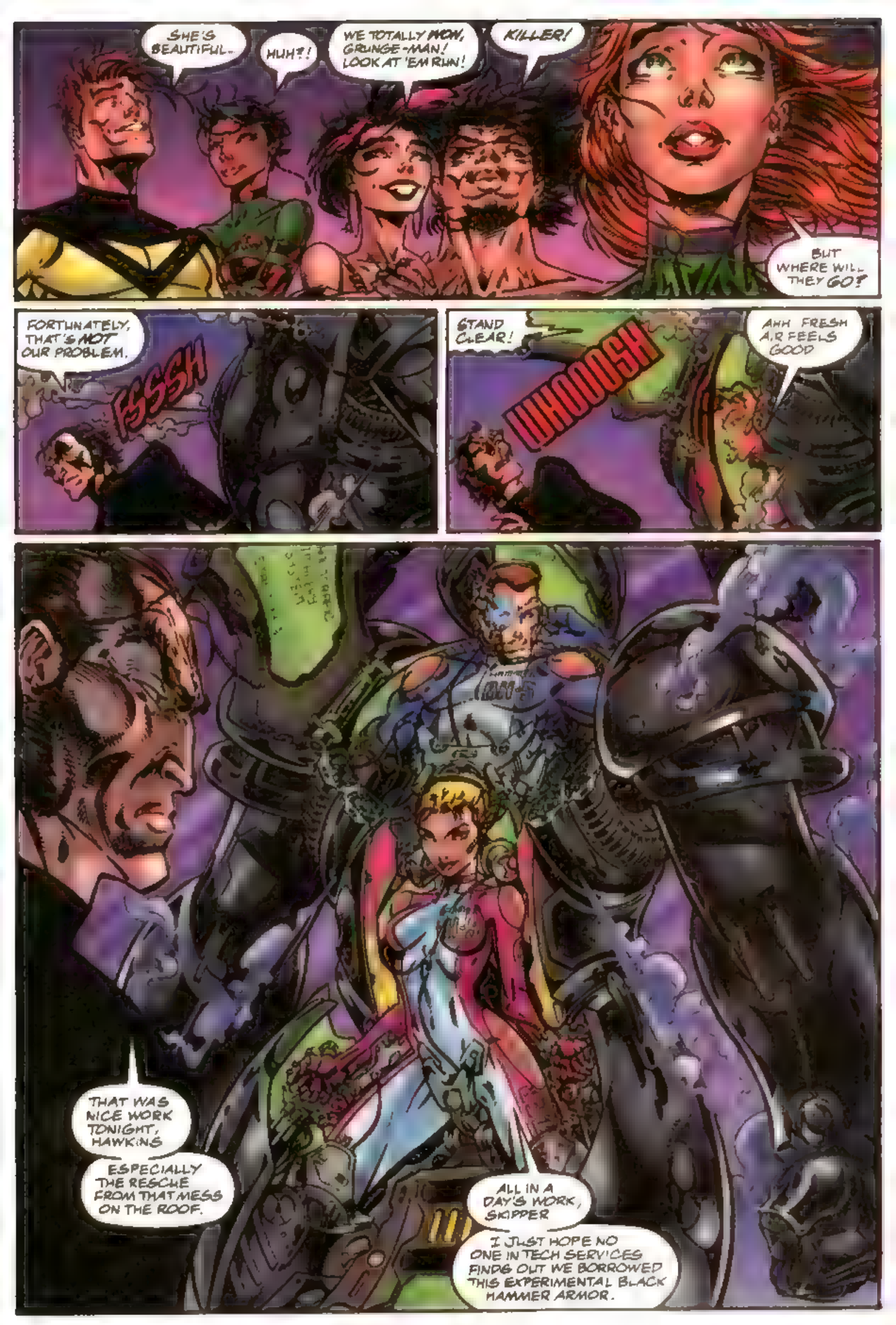
YOU DON'T SCARE ME, OLD MAN.

I'M MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU CAN POSSIBLY IMAGINE--


LET GO OF ME, YOU [illegible]!
SO, WHAT DO YOU SAY, THRESHOLD?
HOW ABOUT HER?
NICOLE!


WE'LL MEET AGAIN!
BYE BYE, BURNOUT!
YOU THINK HE'LL REALLY BE BACK, MR LYNCH?
I WOULD.

THERE'S NO NEED TO FIGHT ANYMORE, MATTHEW. THESE KIDS AREN'T YOUR ENEMIES.
[illegible] VANA WERE THE ONES RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR PARENTS' DEATHS
BESIDES, BLISS HERE WOULD BE PRETTY USELESS IN A FIGHT.
HEY! MATT, WHAT'RE YOU--
SHUT UP, NICOLE
THE DAY BELONGS TO YOU AND THE KIDS, MR. LYNCH.
ENJOY IT WHILE YOU CAN...
...BECAUSE THIS MATTER IS FAR FROM OVER.


SHE'S BEAUTIFUL...
HUH?!
WE TOTALLY WON, GRUNGE-MAN! LOOK AT 'EM RUN!
KILLER!
BUT WHERE WILL THEY GO?
FORTUNATELY, THAT'S NOT OUR PROBLEM.
FSSH
STAND CLEAR!
WHOOOSH
AHH FRESH AIR FEELS GOOD
THAT WAS NICE WORK TONIGHT, HAWKINS
ESPECIALLY THE RESCUE FROM THAT MESS ON THE ROOF.
ALL IN A DAY'S WORK, SKIPPER
I JUST HOPE NO ONE IN TECH SERVICES FINDS OUT WE BORROWED THIS EXPERIMENTAL BLACK HAMMER ARMOR.

CONSIDER IT A FIELD TEST, HAWKINS--
--A HIGHLY-CLASSIFIED FIELD TEST.

SIR, I'M PICKING UP SECURED I.O. TRANSMISSIONS.
THEY'RE SENDING IN A CLEANER UNIT.
THAT'S OUR CUE TO GO, SKIPPER.

WILL YOU BE HEADING BACK TO McCLEAN WITH US?
SEEMS LIKE I'VE GOT A FEW THINGS TO STRAIGHTEN OUT HERE FIRST.
BESIDES, I'M NOT SURE WHAT KIND OF WELCOME I'LL GET AT HEAD-QUARTERS AFTER THIS LITTLE ENCOUNTER.
THEN GOOD LUCK, SIR. IT'S BEEN AN HONOR SERVING WITH YOU.
THANKS, HAWKINS. YOU AND THE BOYS WERE A BIG HELP.

DID YOU JUST QUIT YOUR JOB?
I.O. DOESN'T ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS, CAITLIN-- YOUR FATHER LEARNED THAT THE HARD WAY--
--BUT I'D LIKE TO STICK AROUND AND GIVE YOU KIRS A HAND UNTIL THEY CATCH ME.
WHY, THANK YOU, MR. LYNCH...
...I THINK.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, BOBBY? YOU STILL LOOK A LITTLE WOOZY TO ME.
I'M NOT SURE WHAT BLISS DID TO ME, BUT MY HEAD'S STILL BUZZING.
AND YOU SAY YOUR ARM, IT JUST CAME BACK TOGETHER AGAIN? THAT'S SO RADICAL, GRUNGE-MAN!
IT FEELS AS GOOD AS NEW! NOT A SCRATCH ON ME!
Y'KNOW, ROX, I THINK I CAN GET INTO THIS SUPER-HERO STUFF!

YOU AND THE OTHER GEN 13 KIDS ARE SPECIAL PEOPLE WITH THE POTENTIAL TO CHANGE THIS WORLD FOR THE BETTER.

I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU HOW TO DO IT.

WE'LL HAVE TO GO UNDERGROUND UNTIL SOME OF THE HEAT FROM PROJECT GENESIS BLOWS OVER.

YOU'RE ALL WELCOME TO COME WITH ME, FAIRCHILD.

I SAY YES.

I'M WITH YOU, CAITLIN. SARAH?

WHY NOT? IT MIGHT BE FUN.

EXCELLENT! ME AND THE GRUNGE-MAN ARE IN, TOO!

UHHH, SUUURE. WHATEVER YOU SAY, ROX.

GOOD, THEN WE'D BETTER GET GOING.

LEAD THE WAY.

THE END

HEY! YOU STILL HERE?

WELL, THE ADVENTURE'S NOT OVER YET! BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR US IN GEN/13 #0, COMING SOON!

AND IF THAT AIN'T ENOUGH FOR YA, WE'LL BE BACK IN EARLY '95 WITH THE GEN/13 REGULAR SERIES! TILL THEN--LATER, DUDES!

TALKIN' 'BOUT MY GENERATION

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Dear GEN13 dudes,

My favorite comic book is PITT, but since I was really getting tired of waiting for it, I went to my local comic-book store. That's when I saw a great picture of Pitt unlike someone else who draws it. (Whose name I won't mention.) I immediately picked up GEN 13 #3 and read it. When I finished, I went to three comic-book stores and got #2 and #4, but sadly I couldn't find #1 (I still can't).

Well, I read #2 and #4 and they were great. But, you know what? I got an early birthday present. You see, my birthday is in July and I'll turn 13. The early birthday present is that GEN13 will be an ongoing series. I can't wait to get #5 and #0. I would get the ashcan if I ever bought #1, but I don't want to cut the comic. I have just two questions I would like for you to answer.

1. What year does the comic take place?
2. Is there anyway I can get GEN13 1/2?

Your fan,
Angel Papini,
Fort Worth, TX

P.S. Could you please send me anything about GEN13 like pins, cards or posters? I would greatly appreciate it.

Sorry, Angel, I've got some bad news for you and fellow GEN-fanatics who are aching to get their hands on a GEN13 1/2. The ad for the GEN13 1/2 appeared in Wizard #30. Unless you filled out the order form and sent it to Wizard by March 1st, the book is impossible to score. We don't have pins and posters to send you, BUT new GEN13 T-shirts are in the works. Oh, and the comic takes place now! In 1994!

The GEN-UNTOUCHABLES,

Thank you Mr. Campbell for setting Wizard straight. GEN13 will sell because it is truly a spectacular book. If I had bought GEN13 because of Wizard's "plan for success," I would have to be a teenage pervert who was a sucker for gimmicks. In reality, I'm 21, I happen to appreciate a healthy body, and fortunately I picked up GEN13 #1 to find an eye-popping product that will keep me buying comics indefinitely, because all others will be knocking themselves out to meet your standards.That leads into my theory of how to make the best comic book in the business:

1. Let J. Scott Campbell work magic with his pencils. (My personal fave).
2. Put together a crew of people who are dedicated to making the best product they possibly can. (You put your names on the cover of every issue.)
3. Develop characters with cool powers who fit together perfectly. (Fairchild, Freefall, Grunge, Rainmaker, and Burnout's plight reminds me of my best friends trying to get out of detention in high school.)
4. Call it GEN13 and make it a regular series. (It's official, right?)

Will we find out more about our favorite heroes before they start saving the world? (I love character development.) Are Threshold and Bliss susceptible to some reverse brainwashing? (Maybe their tragic plight can be remedied by some GEN13 intervention.) Will Fairchild be able to shop at a petite women's store again? (I hope not!)

J. Bradley Woellhof,
Austin, TX

Yep, that's the recipe for GEN's success: killer artwork and a dedicated creative staff who molded five funky, ambitious kids to ditch school and race around the planet. At least detention exists so you can daydream about doing this!

BILL MAUS

Dear GEN-Type persons,

Hi. I just bought my second issue of GEN13 (I now own issues 3 and 4) and felt that I just had to write to you. Let me first say that the book is fairly cool; it does have its good points. I'm just afraid that the good features are overshadowed by the bad. Let's begin analyzing, shall we?

First thing: the artwork. One question, Jeff: Did you not get out much as a teenager, or what? I mean, these are like viking uberbabes from Hell, especially Fairchild. What's

the deal? It looks like she has two water-balloons, filled to the point of bursting, strapped to her chest. Also, is it very cold at Project Genesis, because I've noticed that the girls are in serious danger of putting someones eye out. To be perfectly blunt, not every woman is quite THAT perky all the time (wink wink nudge nudge).

Second thing: Grunge. Grunge? Grunge?! What the hell were you guys thinking? The marketing genius who thought that one up should be slapped and sterilized. I mean, can we say, "hopping on the bandwagon?" All of my friends (myself included) are part of the so-called "grunge" subculture and not once have I heard any of them use the words, "homeslice," "mondo," or "gnarly" (gnarly?!) in a serious context. Grunge is dead, let it rest in peace. (Now that you have the name Grunge copyrighted, are you going to sue all the big Seattle bands like Nirvana and Alice in Chains? Just curious.)

Lastly, all the characters are teenagers, correct? (I missed the first two issues so I'm not exactly sure.) You're making teens seem like a bunch of bubble-headed, spandex-clad, strike-a-pose bimbos and brainless, brutish, overbearing morons. Beavis and Butthead could outwit these jokers. But, then again, I guess you are reaching your target audience.

Well, I guess I've said enough. I'm sorry for being so blunt, but I just had to put in my two-cents worth. I'm not saying it's a bad book, just that I don't like it. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Chris Olson,
Menominee, MI

PS. I'm not buying the book any longer, so no cocky "Thanks for your continued support" comments. Thanks.

Sharp eye, Chris. Those ARE water balloons in Fairchild's suit.

GEN13,

What can I say? I'm addicted. Issue #4 was cool. I'll give you my input on the characters:

Fairchild: Definitely a leader.

It's always good to see the "strong one" on the team as the leader. Plus, she's a babe.

Freefall: She's cool, but she needs to stop smoking. What's the difference between her "levitation" powers and telekinesis?

Burnout: Cool hair! He has inspired me to grow mine. I wish he could talk more though (Hint, hint)! I'm kind of tired of fire dudes, though. But, don't get me wrong. I'm not goofin' on him (Goofin', there's a cool word).

Rainmaker: Painbreaker, windbreaker, drainmaker...whatever! I thought she would just be a lame-o character to either turn her back on the team or get killed. Thanks for proving me wrong!

Grunge: By far, the coolest character in GEN13! He's got youthful arrogance, humor, and he kicks @$$! Thanks for making a character I can relate to...sort of! He says cool things like "cheese heads," too!

Lynch: Cool, but don't turn him into a Prof. X or a dude like that guy in Newmen.

So, what makes the book so good? I think it's because these are ordinary kids, like me, who now have cool powers. Plus, it has girls! I don't buy it just for the story, though. The main reason is because of J. Scott Campbell. If he ever quit, I'd have to drop it. He's the type of artist that I'll follow throughout his career. Oh, and Jeff, you ARE a Jim Lee/ Art Adams clone. I'm working on being your clone. Just kidding. But, Jeff doesn't get all the credit. Alex, you are definitely one of the best inkers. I'm glad inkers are getting more recognition. To all the rest of the GEN crew, kudos! Do you guys do parties?

Anyway, just know that you guys are making a lot of us happy down here in the South where we just sit, whittle, and cook cornbread. Any chance of you coming to Atlanta? Well, anyway, see ya and good luck!

Jeffery R. Jackson
(ManicMan).
Evans, GA

Heck yeah, we do parties! Can you send us some cornbread? Just goofin'!